

# **Sydney C. Kerksis papers**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Kerksis, Sydney C., 1916-1980
<b>Title</b>	Sydney C. Kerksis papers
<b>Date</b>	1864, 1913
<b>Extent</b>	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Sydney C. Kerksis was born on April 20, 1916 in Atlanta, Georgia to John and Jessie Kerksis. Kerksis was a well known relic hunter and was the author of several books and articles regarding the Civil War. A retired army officer, he died on September 20, 1980.

### Sources:

Ancestry.com. "Sydney C. Kerksis." *1920 United States Federal Census*. Accessed December 28, 2015. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains 2 sets of photocopies of Sydney C. Kerksis's typescript, "Action at Gilgal Church, Georgia, June 15-16, 1864." The typescript includes a narrative of the action, official reports, extracts of regimental reports, regimental histories and extracts from Civil War diaries. Pages 41, 50-51 of the typescript are missing. Also included in the collection is a booklet entitled, "Twelve Views of the Indianapolis Flood of March 1913 Taken by a Daring Photographer During the Worst of the Horrible Catastrophe."

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

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### Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Sydney C. Kerksis in 1969.

### Accruals

No further additions are expected.

### Processing Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Corporate Name(s)

- United States. Army. Indiana Infantry Regiment, 33rd (1861-1865).
- United States. Army. Indiana Infantry Regiment, 70th (1862-1865).

- United States. Army. Ohio Infantry Regiment, 73rd (1861-1865).
- United States. Army. Wisconsin Infantry Regiment, 22nd (1862-1865).

**Genre(s)**

- War diaries

**Geographic Name(s)**

- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Military life
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Personal narratives

**Subject(s)**

- Authors--American--Indiana--20th century
- Floods--Indiana--Indianapolis
- Georgia--Church history--19th century